

MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CUSTODIANS OF MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL

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SUBJECT: MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL CHANGES  
CHAPTER 600 – PHYSICIAN SERVICES

BACKGROUND AND EXPLANATIONS

Prior authorization for inpatient chemotherapy does not include the follow up stem cell harvest and transplant, which may be a Phase I or II clinical trial and not covered by Nevada Medicaid. Some providers are assuming that the prior auth approval includes the total regimen of chemotherapy, harvest and transplant. Consequently, the decision has been made to include policy language citing that the approval is for “chemotherapy only” and that any further harvesting or transplants must be separately prior authorized. Changes are effective upon approval at the public hearing.

MATERIAL TRANSMITTED

**MTL 07/10**

CHAPTER 600 – PHYSICIAN  
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MATERIAL SUPERSEDED

**MTL 35/05**

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**Sec. 603.10.6.g.5**

Added “5. If the authorization request is for chemotherapy to be used as a preparatory therapy for transplants, an approval does not guarantee authorization for any harvesting or transplant that may be part of the treatment regimen. A separate authorization is required for inpatient/outpatient harvesting or transplants, both in-state and out of state.